

House Resolution No. 3301

Whereas, as the 2003-2004 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

Whereas, the Van-Far R-I School District is losing a valuable member of its administration with the retirement of Superintendent of Schools Larry Beshears who has devoted numerous years of his life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as an administrator, teacher, coach, and counselor; and

Whereas, Larry Beshears has worked for three years in the Van-Far R-I School District, where he is held in high esteem for his overall competence and successful leadership; and

Whereas, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Larry Beshears has also served as Superintendent of Schools for Cole County R-I, Delta R-V, and Silex R-I; Principal at Knox County R-I; Assistant Principal at Warren County R-III; teacher and coach at Maple Woods Community College, Wellsville-Middletown R-I, and La Plata R-II; and as a counselor and coach at Raymore-Peculiar R-II; and

Whereas, Larry Beshears has also distinguished himself by overseeing the successful passage of every bond and levy issue on the first vote, starting the first intercollegiate athlete programs at Maple Woods Community College, being a founding delegate of MARE (Missouri Association for Rural Education), and attending the Technology Leadership Academy, the Satellite Academy, and numerous workshops on school law and school licensure and transportation; and

Whereas, Larry Beshears has supported his profession as a member of the East Central Missouri Superintendents Association, the Missouri Association for Educators, the Missouri Adult Education and Literary Association, and the Missouri Association of School Administrators, which presented him with an Honorary Lifetime Membership during its Spring Conference on April 14, 2004, at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach; and

Whereas, Larry Beshears has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include his wife, Malinda Beshears, and his children, Venus Andrews, Dana Laske, Greg Beshears, and Nicole Beshears:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join the Van-Far R-I School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Larry Beshears has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing him the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that he so justly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Larry Beshears, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Terry L. Witte
District No. 10

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3301, adopted June 2, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker